GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Disciplinary Matters - Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture ®, Yemmignur, Kurnool District – Allegations of non- interest in renewal of licenses/not permitted inclusion of new godowns to store fertilizers etc. – Disciplinary action initiated under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules,1991- Subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District - Imposition of the penalty of "Withholding of 5% of Pension for a period of (2) years", under A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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Agriculture & Cooperation (Vig.I) Department

G.O.Ms.No. 31 **Dated: 05.05.2022**

Read the following:

1. From Sri Kotla Jaya Surya Prakash Reddy, the then M.P., Kurnool, Letter No.861/MP/KNL/2012, dt.03.07.2012.
2. Memo. No. Vig.IV (3) 278/2012, dt.14.02.2014 of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad.
3. Explanation dt.29.03.2014 of Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District.
4. Memo. No. Vig.I (2) 278/2012-1, dt.23.03.2017 of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur.
5. Memo. No. Vig.I(2)278/2012-2,dt.23.03.2017 of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur.
6. From the Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool & Inquiry Officer, Report dt.24.03.2018.
7. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Vig.I(2)278/2012, dt.01.06.2018
8. Representation dt.18.07.2018 of Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District.
9. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Vig.I(2)/278/2012, dt.16.11.2018.
10. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I (2)122/2012, dt.04.12.2019.
11. Govt. Memo.AGC01-AGRI/6/2020, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.04.11.2020.
12. Representation dt.03.12.2020 of Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture Yemmignur, Kurnool District.
13. Govt. Letter. No. AGC01-AGRI/6/2020, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt. 20.12.2021 addressed to the Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Vijayawada.
14. From the Joint Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, Letter No. 18/DC&C/2022, dt.31.03.2022

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, a complaint was made by Sri Kotla Surya Prakash Reddy, M.P., Kurnool, alleging that Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool District is not performing his legitimate duties and not taking interest with regard to the renewal of Fertilizer License for the period 2011 and 2012.

2. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad has got the matter inquired and basing on the preliminary inquiry report he has initiated disciplinary action against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool district, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 and issued Articles of Charge against him, in the reference 2nd read above, with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD), duly admitting/denying the Charges.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Charged Officer Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool District has submitted his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) which is far from convincing. Hence, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has appointed the Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool, as the Inquiry Authority,

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in the reference 4th read above, to inquire into the Articles of Charge issued against the above said Charged Officer and also appointed Sri P. Wilson, Asst. Director of Agriculture (Agro), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool, as Presenting Officer, in the reference 5th read above, to present the case before the Inquiry Authority.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool & Inquiry Authority has submitted his report to the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, stating that, out of five charges framed against Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool district, one charge (Charge No.2) is held proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture®, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District calling for his explanation, if any and in the reference 8th read above, the letter has submitted his explanation duly denying the charges framed against him and requesting to drop further action in the matter.

6. In the reference 9th & 10th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has forwarded a copy of the enquiry report on the Articles of Charges issued against Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District to Government stating that and stated that the Charged Officer has retired from public service on 30.06.2018 and hence requested the Government to take further action in the matter.

7. The Government have examined the case, in consultation with the advisory department and provisionally decided to impose the penalty of "Withholding of 5% of Pension for a period of (2) years" against Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and accordingly issued him a Notice, in the reference 11th read above, with a direction to show-cause as to why the above said penalty should not be imposed against him for the Articles of Charge (No.2) issued against him are held proved.

8. In the reference 12th read above, the Charged Officer Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool district and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool district, has submitted his representation and requested to drop further action in the matter.

9. The Government have not considered the above representation of the Charged Officer Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool district and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool District since he has not produced any new material or evidence that has the effect of changing the nature of the case and hence decided to impose the penalty of "Withholding of 5% of Pension for a period of (2) years" against him under A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. As per Regulation 17 of APPSC Regulations, 1963, the Government have addressed the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, in the reference 13th read above, to place the proposal of the Government to impose the above penalty against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool District before the Commission and obtain its concurrence and communicate the same to the Government, for further action in the matter.

11. In the reference 14th read above, the Joint Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has informed that the Commission has agreed with the proposal of the Government to impose the penalty of "Withholding of 5% of Pension for a period of (2) years" against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District and advised accordingly.

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12. The Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby, impose the penalty of "Withholding of 5% of Pension for a period of (2) years" against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District, under A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for the Articles of Charge (No.2) issued against him are held proved.

13. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Sri S. Raghava Reddy,Asst. Director of Agriculture (Retd.), Dhone, Kurnool District.
(through the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:
The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer, Kurnool.
The Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool.
The P.S. to Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Vijayawada.
The OSD to Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
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SECTION OFFICER